

REMARKS

The specification is hereby amended to correct several clerical and typographical errors.

No new matter has been added.

Claims 23-36 are allowed. The issue fee and publication fee have not been paid. Claim 23 is hereby amended under 35 U.S.C. § 312(a) to replace the word "or" (appearing in the Markush group) with a comma to conform to U.S. practice. Neither the meaning nor the scope of claim 23 are changed by this amendment.

Applicants believe that no fee is due for this amendment. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be due in connection with this response to Deposit Account No. 23-1703.

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